

## 1. Answer – B) Antyodaya Express

Explanation: Antyodaya Express began its service from Raipur, Chhattisgarh on its first day. It is a fully unreserved, well-equipped weekly train between Durg and Firozpur Cantt. The train features modern coaches, RO drinking water, mobile charging facilities, bio-toilets, LED lights etc.

## 2. Answer – B) Sitanshu Ranjan Kar

Explanation: Sitanshu Ranjan Kar is a 1983-batch IIS officer, who has served at key positions in various media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting viz. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan. He joined PIB in 2003. He succeeds Frank Noronha (superannuated on April 30, 2018) as the Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB). In 1988, Sitanshu Ranjan Kar became the first Indian to win the prestigious Visnews Fellowship of London, under which, he travelled throughout Europe and North America to experience cutting-edge technologies being used in television news production by leading broadcasters.

## 3. Answer – B) Shahzar Rizvi

Explanation: Shahzar Rizvi won India's first medal at the ISSF World Cup Stage 2. He won a silver medal in the 10m air pistol event. He scored 239.8. Russia's Artem Chernousov won the gold medal with a final score of 240. Bronze medal was won by Bulgaria's Samuil Donkov whose total score was 217.1.

## 4. Answer – A) Ashok Mitra

Explanation: Ashok Mitra was 90 years old. He has written a few books. He is an eminent economist. He had written columns in newspapers on social and economic issues. He was the Finance minister of West Bengal from 1977 to 1987. He was the Chief Economic Adviser to the Central Government from 1970 to 1972.

## 5. Answer – C) Maharashtra

Explanation: 7/12 receipt is the most important document which establishes the ownership of the land. Farmers are required to provide it while applying for loans. Besides, it is also used by the government during crop surveys and to extend various facilities. With digital authentication, the farmers will no longer have to visit revenue offices or the Maha e-seva centres. They would simply be required to quote the gat (group) number or survey number to bank or a government department, through which respective agency can ensure the 7/12 receipt online. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis claimed that this initiative will enhance 'ease of doing business', would check irregularities and bring in transparency.

## 6. Answer – B) 2019-20

Explanation: Union Health Minister J P Nadda, said that PMSSY aims to correct regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services and to expand facilities for quality medical education in India. He said that, the same number of posts will be created for a 960 bedded hospital for the new AIIMS that are set up through PMSSY. He added that each new AIIMS will add 100 UG (MBBS) and 60 B.Sc (Nursing) seats, 15-20 Super Specialty Departments and 750 hospital beds.

## 7. Answer – A) 5

Explanation: As per the SIPRI report, New Delhi's defence spending increased by 5.5 percent to \$63.9 billion in 2017. Now it has surpassed France. Worldwide military spending increased to \$1.73 trillion in 2017, which is nearly 2.2 percent of global gross domestic product. The list of the world's biggest military spenders is dominated by the US and China, which spent \$610 billion and \$228 billion respectively.

## 8. Answer – B) Subhash Chandra Khuntia

Explanation: Subhash Chandra Khuntia is 1981-batch Karnataka-cadre Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer. He has held positions in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and has also served as Special Secretary and Financial Advisor in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The post of Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) was vacant for more than two months after TS Vijayan's tenure came to an end on February 21, 2018.

## 9. Answer – B) Rs 15 lakhs

Explanation: Union Cabinet has given its approval for doubling the investment limit under the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) from Rs 7.5 lakhs to Rs 15 lakhs. Subscription period for this scheme has also been extended from 4th May 2018 to 31st March, 2020. Enhancement of investment limit will now enable Senior Citizens to get up to Rs.10000 Pension per month.

## 10. Answer – A) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)

Explanation: CCEA has approved the proposal for renaming and restructuring of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK). PMJVK, which has more flexibility as compared to MsDP would provide better socio economic infrastructure facilities to the minority communities particularly in the field of education, health & skill development as compared to the present situation. Under PMJVK, criteria for identification of Minority Concentration Towns and Clusters of Villages have been rationalized. In addition to restructuring and

renaming MsDP, CCEA has also approved its continuation during the remaining period of 14th Finance Commission at the cost of Rs. 3972 crore.

11. Answer – A) Ms. Preeti Saran

Explanation: This task force was constituted on August 18, 2017 and is headed by Ms. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs. A step-by-step implementation plan and analysis in order to build and operationalise a Coalition has been provided in the report. The study of task force covers Business case for the coalition, Analysis of best practices of international partnerships in disaster risk and other thematic areas, Preliminary design of the coalition and a Roll – out plan.

12. Answer – B) Cognizant

Explanation: The value of the deal was not disclosed. Hedera Consulting will be part of Cognizant Consulting business unit after acquisition. Hedera Consulting was founded in 2009. It is specialised in growth strategy, digitisation, innovation and commercial excellence for clients in various industries.

13. Answer - 1. Neeraj Goyat

Explanation: Neeraj Goyat is the current WBC Asia champion in welter weight category. Neerav Tomar was awarded the 'WBC Asia honorary Promoter of the year 2017 Award' by the Asian Boxing Council. The awards were presented at WBC Asia and WBC Muaythai annual awards presentation ceremony in Bangkok on 30th April 2018. Neerav Tomar is the promoter of IOS Boxing Promotions which manages Neeraj and Vijender Singh.

14. Answer – A) Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law

Explanation: In 1993, the UN General Assembly declared May 3 as World Press Freedom Day. 3rd May is the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek for media pluralism and independence. World Press Freedom Day is celebrated to highlight the fundamental principles of press freedom and to offer tribute to journalists who have sacrificed their lives while on duty. The theme for World Press Freedom Day 2018 is: Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law.

15. Answer – A) Pakyong airport, Sikkim

Explanation: Currently, Sikkim is the only state in India that does not have an airport. Post commissioning, low-cost airline SpiceJet will be operating flights to Pakyong in Sikkim from Kolkata under Civil Aviation Ministry's regional connectivity scheme, UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik). Under UDAN, 25 airports have been added to the aviation network, 13 airports are

being upgraded and 23 airports and helipads have been awarded to handle helicopter operations.

16. Answer – A) Kotak Securities Limited

Explanation: In financial parlance, intraday trading refers to the activity of buying and selling a security (equity, currency, commodity) on the same day. Under Kotak Securities' 'Free Intraday Trading' facility, traders can do intra-day trades across cash, future and options segments at an annual subscription of Rs.999. As a value added service, individuals availing 'Free Intraday Trading' facility will get free access to Kotak Securities research and technology platform for the execution of their transactions.

17. Answer – A) Telangana

Explanation: On May 5, 2018 Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will lay foundation stone of four national highway projects costing Rs 1,523 crore in Telangana. The ceremony to be held in Hyderabad and it will be attended by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao. It includes six laning of Aramgarh-Shamsabad section of NH 44 between Hyderabad and Bangalore, rehabilitation and upgradation of NH 765D from Hyderabad outer ring road to Medak, construction of 4-lane flyover at Amberpet-X Roads, and construction of 6-lane elevated corridor from Uppal to Narapally on the Hyderabad-Bhopalpatnam section of NH 163.

18. Answer – B) World Bank

Explanation: The agreement has signed at a cost of USD 250 million for five years with 50 per cent funding through the World Bank Loan. The agreement for the Project was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India; Mohd. Aslam, Managing Director, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC); and Hisham Abdo, Acting Country Director, World Bank India, on behalf of the World Bank. It will also encourage to develop promote industry-academia interface and enable start-ups and small and medium enterprises to build innovation research capacities for developing affordable healthcare products.

19. Answer – A) 7.3 %, 7.6 %

Explanation: ADB's Chief Economist Yasuyuki Sawada said that the India's Growth in 2017 is low because the Introduction of Demonetisation. And he Further Continues that the growth Projection of India is high from the Previous year is because of the Implementation of GST, Foreign Direct Investment also helps in India's growth & the Most Important Factor which boost the growth is the Governments Initiative of Ease of Doing Business.

20. Answer – A) Parashuram

Explanation: The Dakota DC-3 VP 905 was formally inducted into the IAF. At the ceremony a key was received by the Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal B S Dhanoa from Air Commodore (retd) M K Chandrasekhar. M K Chandrasekhar's son and Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Chandrasekhar bought the aircraft from scrap and restored it in the UK. Dakota was accepted by the Chief of Air Staff from the Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Chandrasekhar on 13 February 2018. The restored Dakota has been renamed as 'Parashuram'. It will join the 'Vintage Fly' of one each of Tiger Moth and Howard developed at Hindan air force station. The aircraft started from the UK on 17th April 2018 to India with the crew of IAF and Reflight Airworks.

21. Answer – C) InSight

Explanation: InSight has been designed to stay on the surface of Mars and listen to "Marsquakes". The project costs \$993 million. The US spent \$813.8 million on the spacecraft and rocket launch. France and Germany spent \$180 million on the instruments. A pair of mini-spacecraft named Mars Cube One, or MarCO are also launching on the rocket. It cost NASA \$18.5 million. The MarCO are briefcase-sized satellites. They will fly on their own path to Mars behind InSight. They will test tiny new deep space communications equipment. InSight aims to explore interior conditions on Mars, inform efforts to send human explorers to Mars, find out how rocky planets like Earth formed, etc. InSight is expected to settle on Mars on 26th November 2018. InSight is the short form for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport.

22. Answer – D) 138

Explanation: The parameters include the level of pluralism, media independence, environment and self-censorship, legal framework, transparency, and the quality of the infrastructure that supports the production of news and information. Mr. Prasad said the PCI had written to the RWB a number of times since 2015 to understand how the index was prepared, but hadn't received any reply. "If the ranking is on the basis of statistical data, the council requests you to share it with us, so as to enable us to take remedial measures as it deems proper.

23. Answer – B) May 3

Explanation: DST is one of the three departments of Ministry of Science & Technology. It was set up on 3rd May 1971. Its objective is to explore and develop new areas of science and technology, to strengthen national Science & Technology capacity, cutting across institutions and disciplines. Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Dr. Harsh Vardhan, laid the foundation stone of New State of Art Building

of DST on 3rd May 2018 in New Delhi. Dr Harsh Vardhan said that, construction of the new building is expected to be completed by 3rd May 2021. DST had entered into a MoU with IRCON Infrastructure & Services LTD for the new building. As a part of Swachh Bharat Mission, Swacchta Pakhwada is also observed in the Department of Science & Technology from 1st May 2018 to 15th May 2018.

24. Answer – A) Rs 10,000 crore

Explanation: RBI made this decision after failing to sell all the debt it had offered to bidders. It was the third consecutive week when the RBI couldn't sell everything on offer which lead to a spike in bond yields. RBI said that, the decision is based on an assessment of prevailing liquidity conditions and also of the durable liquidity needs going forward. This will infuse more liquidity into the system against the backdrop of persistently high bond yields. The 10-year government bond yield increased to 7.75 percent from 7.74 percent before the auction result was announced. It had ended at 7.73 percent on 3rd May 2018.

25. Answer – C) World Bank

Explanation: This loan will help India to reach its goal of reducing stunting in children of the age 0-6 years from 38.4% to 25% by 2022. The POSHAN (PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment) Abhiyaan was launched by Prime Minister on 8th March 2018 at Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan. POSHAN Abhiyaan's main objective is gradual increase of the interventions supported by the World Bank assisted Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP) to all districts in India for a 3-year period. This loan will support the first phase scale up to 315 districts and union territories (UTs) in India. The coverage and quality of ICDS nutrition services for pregnant and lactating women and children under 3 years of age will be improved.

26. Answer – B) 20

Explanation: On 6th May 2018, India finished on top with 20 gold, 22 silver and 8 bronze medals, at the 3rd South Asian Junior Athletics Championships (SAJAC) at Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Host Sri Lanka won 12 gold medals 10 silver and 19 bronze medals and occupied 2nd place. Pakistan won 1 silver and 1 bronze medal and secured the third place. The Indian junior athletes also created five new meet records (NMR) on the final day of the championships. In girls triple jump, Priyadarshini Suresh won the gold medal with new meet records (NMR) of 12.90m.

27. Answer – C) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: The centre was inaugurated by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and

Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri. The ICCC will enable State authorities to monitor the status of various smart civic amenities in real-time through the sensors connected to it. ICCC is a cloud-based Universal Internet of Things (UIoT) platform. It has been developed by Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). Cities of Madhya Pradesh that have been selected under Smart Cities Mission are Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Satna, and Sagar.

28. Answer – A) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: The conference is held for 2 days till 9th May 2018. It is organized for offering a platform for cross learning and knowledge sharing among the Smart City CEOs. The conference will let the CEOs learn from the experiences of all city leaders. The plenary sessions will have panel discussions and presentations by Smart City CEOs. It will focus on high impact projects. The way forward for the city level project implementation will also be discussed. An exhibition displaying various projects undertaken by Cities under Smart Cities Mission is held. This Conference also offers an opportunity for the Smart City CEOs to visit and appreciate smart city projects implemented by Bhopal Smart City Limited.

29. Answer – D) 6

Explanation: The survey findings also revealed that Indian businesses consider red tape, availability of skilled workforce, lack of information communication and technology (ICT) infrastructure and shortage of finance as biggest constraints to growth. Biz Optimism Index – Top 5: 1 Austria 2 Finland 3 Indonesia 4 Netherlands 5 US

30. Answer – A) Beijing

Explanation: More than 12,000 teams and 50,000 participants from over 10 countries and regions will participate in the conference. A robot competition will be conducted during the conference. Participants will compete in five categories in this competition. This conference will enhance passion and innovation in the robot industry and help to improve research and development.

31. Answer – B) Android Things

Explanation: Android Things is for developers who want to build connected devices. Android Things offers hardware and software developers all the necessary SDKs (software development kit) to build all types of IoT devices. Google has partnered with various hardware manufacturers to provide developer kits. It also offers a developer console that enables managing devices and pushing over-the-air updates to both prototype and production devices.

32. Answer – A) Atal Tinkering Marathon

Explanation: Atal Tinkering Labs of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog, organized an Atal Tinkering Marathon, a six month long national level challenge. It was conducted in six thematic areas: clean energy, water resources, waste management, healthcare, smart mobility and agri-tech. From more than 650 innovations received, top 30 innovations have been selected from various States and Union territories of India. These Top 30 innovations and their prizes will be announced by Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog.

33. Answer – A) Mumbai

Explanation: This three-day Summit is being jointly organised by Union Ministry of Civil Aviation and US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). The Summit will serve as a platform for Indian civil aviation agencies and aviation industry representatives, including private sector airlines and airport operators, to identify advanced US technologies and practices, that can support their expansion and modernization efforts. Various sessions focusing on India's projected aviation growth in next five years, aviation and runway safety, aviation security, technologies for worldwide airspace management and regional connectivity will be held during the course of this summit. India's civil aviation sector is slated to be third largest market globally by 2020 and, potentially, the largest by 2030.

34. Answer – A) 70 GW

Explanation: MNRE stated that that renewable energy capacity of 11788 MW was added during last fiscal, which is the highest ever in a single year. The ministry also added that 100 billion units of electricity was generated through renewables during last fiscal, which also is the highest ever so far. As per data compiled till March 31, 2018, 38 GW clean energy capacity is under implementation. On account of fast progress in the areas of renewable energy, Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh has reaffirmed government's commitment to meet target of having 175 GW by 2022.

35. Answer – D) Wuhan, China

Explanation: This is the first tourism ministerial meeting between member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, India, K. J. Alphons represented India at the conference. Tourism ministers of member states of SCO deliberated on travel product development, tourist security and research on high-tech tourism management to develop a smart tourism system. An action plan for tourism cooperation between SCO

member states from 2019 to 2020 was approved at the conference.

36. Answer – A) V.K. Agnihotri

Explanation: The two-member committee will be headed by V.K. Agnihotri - Former Rajya Sabha Secretary General, while the other member will be S.R. Dhaleta - Former Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of Law and Justice. Although the committee will review the rules of procedure for conduct of business as a whole, it will focus on provisions, which seem inadequate vis-a-vis rules in Lok Sabha. It is to be noted that this committee has been formed in wake of repetitive disruptions witnessed in both the houses during the recent budget session. The committee has been asked to submit its report to Chairman of Rajya Sabha in three months.

37. Answer – C) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: Civil work related to the Bogibeel bridge will be finished by July 2018. Two more months will be taken to complete electrical and signalling work. The bridge is 4.94 km long. This is said to be the second longest bridge of this kind in Asia. It has three lane roads on top and double line rail below. The bridge is 32 metres above the water level of the Brahmaputra River. This bridge will solve logistical issues for armed forces stationed at the China border to receive supplies from Tezpur.

38. Answer - 2. David Goodall

Explanation: David Goodall was 104 years old. He was assisted to end his life by Exit International, a right-to-die organization. David Goodall was not terminally ill but his health had deteriorated in the recent past and he chose to end his life because he felt that his quality of life had deteriorated in the past 5 to 10 years. He was a botanist and ecologist. As Euthanasia and assisted dying are banned in Australia, he chose Switzerland to end his life.

39. Answer – A) State Legal Services Authority (SLSA)

Explanation: Under the scheme, a compensation fund will be set up and it would be managed by State Legal Services Authority (SLSA). Compensation for gangrape victim will be in the range of Rs 5 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh, minimum compensation of Rs. 4 lakh is to be paid in case of rape or unnatural sexual assault while for acid attack victims minimum compensation will be Rs 7 lakh for total disfigurement and Rs 5 lakh in case of 50% burns. Most important feature of the scheme is that, grant of monetary relief is not linked with the trial in such cases and the victim can approach the State or District Legal Services Authority for compensation immediately after the incident.

40. Answer – B) 7.3, 7.5

Explanation: The above projection has been made in Fitch's second-quarter Sovereign Credit Overview for Asia Pacific region. Fitch has outlined that India's economic growth is likely to accelerate as money supply has recovered to its pre-demonetisation level (pre-November 2016) and disruptions related to the rollout of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), in July 2017 have diminished. Besides, implementation and continued broadening of the government's structural-reform agenda will lead to a gradual improvement in country's business environment.

41. Answer – A) Lt Gen Gyan Bhushan

Explanation: 'Across the Bench - Insight into the Indian Military Judicial System' has been written by Lt Gen Gyan Bhushan. Lt Gen Gyan Bhushan is a former Army Commander and Member 'A', Armed Forces Tribunal, Lucknow Bench. The book speaks on military judicial system, command and management issues in the military establishments and issues related to veterans, their families and dependents.

42. Answer – C) Ayodhya

Explanation: Both, Janakpur and Ayodhya are two sacred cities for Hindus. The bus was flagged-off by PM Modi after visiting and offering special prayers at the famed 20th century Janaki temple, dedicated to the Hindu goddess Sita. Janakpur is known as the birth place of Sita (the wife of Hindu Lord Rama). Janaki temple was built in memory of Sita in 1910. The bus service is a part of Nepal-India Ramayana Circuit launched by both the PMs to further strengthen the close religious and cultural ties between the two countries and peoples.

43. Answer – B) USD 69 billion

Explanation: It states that remittances to the Asia-Pacific region amounted to US 256 billion in 2017. The report was released by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Pakistan (USD 20 billion), and Vietnam (USD 14 billion) have also featured in the top 10. Nearly 70 % of remittances sent to Asia and the Pacific are from outside the region especially from the Gulf States (32 %), North America (26 %) and Europe (12 %). Nearly USD 6 trillion in remittances are expected to be sent to developing countries by 2030. More than half of these remittances will be sent to the Asia Pacific regions, mainly to small towns and villages. These remittances represent 53 % of flows worldwide, with a growth of 4.87 per cent since 2008.

44. Answer – A) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Explanation: The workshop was addressed by Union Health Minister J P Nadda. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between Himachal

Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Chandigarh during the course of this workshop. Ayushman Bharat Scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet on March 21, 2018 with budgetary support of Rs 10500 crore. Under this scheme, Government has set a target to set up 1.5 lakh wellness centres by 2022 to deliver comprehensive primary healthcare. Other component of this scheme is to provide insurance cover to most deprived Indian population.

45. Answer – A) Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

Explanation: The fund will invest in exchange-traded funds listed on more than 20 exchanges in Europe and the US that are based on the Indian market. ICBC is pitching this fund to investors stating that Indian market offers the best opportunity for Chinese investors due to the prospects of double-digit growth. Interestingly, this fund has been launched within a fortnight after the first ever informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at Wuhan.

46. Answer – C) Nepal

Explanation: On 12th May, Nepal's Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli announced that Nepal will be the host for the upcoming 2018 BIMSTEC Summit. This was announced during the bilateral talks between the Prime Minister of Nepal and India on commitment towards building the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal initiative.

47. Answer – B) Latika Nath

Explanation: On 12th May, renowned wildlife photographer Latika Nath unveiled her book 'Hidden India' in New Delhi. 'Hidden India' is a coffee table book that comprises of all the photographs of some of her "closest wildlife encounters" as per a statement. The proceeds from this book will go to the Wildlife SOS Elephant Conservation and Care Centre which would promote protection of Indian Elephants.

48. Answer – D) Rajasthan

Explanation: On May 13, 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind launched Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Antyodaya Swarojgar Yojana, Sundar Singh Bhandari EBC (economically backward class) Swarojgar Yojana and Rin Maufi Yojna of Rajasthan State Government. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Antyodaya Swarojgar Yojana: loans of up to Rs 50000 on 4% cent interest will be given to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Class (OBC) families for self-employment. Sundar Singh Bhandari EBC (economically backward class) Swarojgar Yojana: a loan of Rs 50000 on 4% interest will be given to economically backward families of the general

category. Rin Maufi Yojna: loan waiver scheme of up to Rs 50000 to SC, ST, OBC, sweepers and 'divyang'

49. Answer – A) Sir William Mark Tully

Explanation: The RedInk awards for excellence in journalism are instituted by the Mumbai Press Club. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu will present the award to Sir William Mark Tully on 18th May 2018 in Mumbai. The award is presented to Sir William Mark Tully in recognition of his contribution to Indian journalism. Sir William Mark Tully worked with the BBC for 30 years. He was also the Chief of Bureau, BBC, Delhi. Faye D'Souze, executive editor of Mirror Now channel, has been chosen for the RedInk award for 'journalist of the year'. Apart from these two awards, Redink awards for excellence in journalism are awarded in 13 categories to 32 journalists.

50. Answer – B) Bhopal

Explanation: The Union Cabinet Chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It will be a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The cost of the project is Rs. 179.54 cr for the first 3 years which includes non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 128.54 crore and recurring expenditure of Rs. 51 crore. NIMHR will be the first of its kind in the country in the area of mental health rehabilitation. The main objectives of the NIMHR are to provide rehabilitation services to the persons with mental illness, capacity development in the area of mental health rehabilitation, policy framing and advanced research in mental health rehabilitation. The Institute will have nine Departments/Centres and will conduct 12 courses to offer diploma, certificate, graduate, post graduate, M.Phil degrees in the area of mental health rehabilitation. Within a span of 5 years, the student intake of the institute in various courses is expected to be over 400.

51. Answer – A) Chennai

Explanation: Objective of the expo is to bring reputed rail car, equipment builders and suppliers under one roof and create synergy for "Make in India". The Expo will be hosted by Integral Coach Factory, in coordination with CII (Confederation of Indian Industries) and RITES Ltd. 100+ exhibitors from 10+ countries will participate in this expo. Conferences/seminars on specialized subjects on Rail Coach and Train sets will also be conducted during the course of this expo.

52. Answer - Guwahati, Assam

Explanation: The project of installing solar panels was commissioned in April 2017. Nearly 2352 solar modules with a capacity of 700 kw has been set up over the roof of the Guwahati railway station. The solar-powered station aims to reduce carbon-footprint and also to reduce power costs. Nearly, 6.3 lakh kg carbon dioxide emissions have been reduced from 12th April 2017 to 10th May 2018. The estimated project cost is Rs 6.7 crore. The solar power plant will save Rs 67 lakh worth of electricity.

53. Answer – C) Karnataka Bank

Explanation: This transaction is waiting for approval from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). After this transaction, Karnataka Bank's stake in the general insurance company will reduce to 6 percent from the current 14.26 percent. Sampo Japan's stake will increase to 34.61 percent from 28.42 percent and Dabur Investment Corporation's stake will increase to 12.81 percent from 10.74 percent.

54. Answer – B) IP NANI

Explanation: On 17th May, the Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Suresh Prabhu launched an Intellectual Property Mascot named IP NANI at a conference of National Intellectual Property Rights Policy held in New Delhi. Mascot IP Nani is a tech-savvy grandmother who helps in combating IP crimes with the help of her grandson "Chhotu" aka Aditya. The IP mascot will spread awareness about the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) among people, especially children, in an interesting manner.

55. Answer – B) Sanya, China

Explanation: The meeting will focus on showcasing India's willingness to participate and strengthen cultural cooperation with all the other participants including the SCO member countries. India became full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on 9th June, 2017 during the SCO Heads of State Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan. India has opened a SCO Division in MEA and has appointed a National Coordinator and Permanent Representative to SCO (Shri Bandaru Wilsonbabu).

56. Answer – C) Compounded

Explanation: In terms of spending, Cardholders in centres outside the top 10 cities account for 45% of spending. Primary reason behind this surge is the penetration of mobile-phone internet which accounts for 20% of spending from smaller towns. SBI cards, the second-largest credit card issuer after HDFC Bank currently holds 16% market share (in terms of number of cards) and is the only stand-alone credit card company in India.

57. Answer – D) Tejas Express

Explanation: The aerators have minute pores that break the stream of incoming water into fine water sub-streams. This phenomenon discharges an optimal amount of water to be utilised for cleanliness and thus reduces excess water flow. Tejas Express is a high speed (200 kmph) air-conditioned train equipped with several ultra modern facilities onboard.

58. Answer – B) Directorate General of Trade Remedies

Explanation: DGTR will be the top National Authority for dealing in all trade remedial measures including anti-dumping, countervailing duties and safeguard measures. Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied duties (DGAD), Directorate General of Safeguards (DGS) and Safeguards functions of Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) will be merged into a single national entity and will be placed under DGTR. This merger will save 49 posts to the Government. DGTR will also provide trade defence support to Indian exporters in dealing with increasing instances of trade remedy investigations instituted against them by other countries.

59. Answer – D) Net Stable Funding Ratio

Explanation: NSFR is a long-term liquidity measurement included in the Basel III liquidity standards. It is defined as the amount of available stable funding (ASF) relative to the amount of required stable funding (RSF). A portion of capital and liabilities which has been assessed to be reliable over a year is referred to as ASF, while RSF is bank's liquidity position required to honour maturities of the various assets and other off-balance sheet exposures. RBI's 100 per cent NSFR guideline requires banks to fund their activities with more stable sources of funding on an ongoing basis.

60. Answer – C) Rajat Bhargava

Explanation: M. Venkaiah Naidu said that it is apt that the author has selected these subjects at a time when India is going through a phase of growth and development. He said that 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan' is contributing a lot to make India a clean country.

61. Answer – C) Russia

Explanation: This is called Akademik Lomonosov was built by Rosatom in Saint Petersburg. It is a 144 by 30 metre (472 by 98 foot) ship holds two reactors with two 35 megawatt nuclear reactors. It is a 21,000-tonne barge that will produce enough electricity to power a town of 200,000 residents, far more than the 5,000 live in Pevek, Russia. The floating reactors can save 50,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per year.

62. Answer – B) Amit Khare

Explanation: Amit Khare is a 1985-batch IAS officer. Currently, he is serving in Jharkhand, his cadre state. He will take charge as secretary to the information and broadcasting ministry from incumbent N K Sinha, who will superannuate on 31st May 2018.

63. Answer – B) Sulur, Tamil Nadu

Explanation: The next gen aircraft is called Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) is for the first time being built by inviting private players. This is also the first time that any defence project is being built outside Bangalore. It will be built in Sulur, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu. The private players will be required to manufacture, assemble and equip two fighter aircraft, develop design, manufacture and transport them to the Flight Test Facility.

64. Answer – B) Rispana River

Explanation: Trivendra Singh Rawat said that, Mission Rispana to Rishiparna is not a government programme, it is a social initiative. Each individual has to contribute to it. Under the Rishiparna rejuvenation mission, a goal of digging nearly 2.5 lakh pits from Landhaur Shikhar Fall to Motharwala-Daudwala area by the end of June 2018 has been fixed. Over 40 government and non-government organisations, and more than 8,000 volunteers, school students and people participated in the pit-digging event.

65. Answer – D) Odisha

Explanation: This is the second time BPCL has launched bottling plant in Odisha after the Khurda plant. This project will cost Rs. 103 crore. The foundation stone will be laid by Petroleum Minister Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Justice Minister Mr. Thaawarchanad Gehlot on May 21. The LPG will be built across 23 acres of land of Barkhani village, 12 kms from the Balagir railway station.

66. Answer – A) Hirokazu Kore-eda

Explanation:

Name of award	Winner	Film
Palm d'OR	Hirokazu Kore-eda	Shoplifters (Japan)
Grand Prix	Spike Lee	BlacKkKlansman (US)
Best Director	Pawel Pawlikowski	Cold War (Poland)
Best Screenplay	1. Alice Rohrwacher	1. Happy as Lazzaro (Italy)
	2. Jafar Panahi	2. 3 Faces (Iran)
Best Actress	Samal Yeslyamova	Ayka (Kazakhstan)
Best Actor	Marcello Fonte	Dogman (Italy)
Jury Prize	Nadine Labaki	Capernaum (Lebanon)
Special Palm d'OR	Jean-Luc Godard	The Image Book (France, Switzerland)

67. Answer – C) Sagar

Explanation: "Sagar" is centered over the Gulf of Aden, nearly 390 km east-northeast of Yemen's Aden city and 560 km west-northwest of Socotra Islands. It is expected to get intense in the next 12 hours and to move west-southwestwards later. Fishermen have been advised not to enter Gulf of Aden and nearby areas of west central and southwest Arabian Sea in the next 48 hours.

68. Answer – A) Zhao Kangmin

Explanation: Zhao Kangmin was 82 years old. He was the first archaeologist to identify fragments of terracotta in 1974 as remains dating back to the Qin dynasty. He was also the first to excavate the site. China's State Council recognised Zhao Kangmin as the discoverer of the terracotta soldiers, archers, and charioteers.

69. Answer – B) Durban, South Africa

Explanation: Brazil, South Africa, India and China are termed as the BASIC countries. Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr Harsh Vardhan participated in the meeting on behalf of India. The meeting was chaired by South Africa's Minister of Environmental Affairs Edna Molewa. The meeting was attended by environment ministers of BASIC countries and Michal Kurtyka of Poland, who will be the next president of Conference of Parties (COP-24).

70. Answer – D) 16,000 TPA

Explanation: This environment clearance (EC) is subject to compliance of certain conditions like developing greenbelt in 33 % of the project area. BNPM is a joint venture between Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (BRBNMPL) and Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India (SPMCIL).

71. Answer – A) Queqiao

Explanation: The relay satellite Queqiao has been designed to set a communication link between earth and a planned lunar probe that will explore the dark side of the moon. Queqiao was launched on a Long March-4C rocket from Xichang launch center, China. Queqiao is also known as Magpie Bridge. It will settle in an orbit nearly 455,000 km (282,555 miles) from earth. It will be the world's first communication satellite operating there.

72) Answer - 3. Mangalore

Explanation: In February 2018, during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to UAE, ISPR and ADNOC signed an Agreement for storing 5.68 million barrels of crude oil. This is to be stored in the Mangaluru facility of India SPR for emergency and distribution purposes. Apart from this the minister of oil Dharmendra Pradhan flagged off 2 million barrels of oil for India. The centre has built crude oil storage facilities with



total capacity of 5.33 Million Tonnes (MT) at three locations under phase I of the 'SPR programme' including 1.33MT at Vishakhapatnam, 1.5 MW at Mangalore and 2.5 MT at Padur.

73) Answer – C)Adobe

Explanation: Magentowas founded in 2008 and had been earlier acquired by eBay in 2011 first and then went private in 2015. it works in B2B and B2C context and will help Adobe to compete with salesforce and provide functionality in e-commerce space. The acquisition will help Adobe to work on consumers in the company's Experience Cloud. The deal is also seen as a way of Microsoft and Adobe coming closer as they will be able to collaborate better against Salesforce.

74) Answer – B)Food safety

Explanation: Help deepen bilateral ties, mutual understanding and trust. Eventually strengthening capacity buildingefforts towards food safety. Understanding of the best practices in the areas of food safety in both countries and in faster resolution of issues related to food safety. Facilitation of food trade of important commodities.

75) Answer – A)145

Explanation: On May 23,2018, According to a Lancet study called "The Global Burden of Disease " India ranked 145 among 195 countries in terms of health care access.India performed poorly in tackling cases of tuberculosis, rheumatic heart diseases, Ischaemic heart diseases, stroke, testicular cancer, colon cancer and chronic kidney disease among others. Subnational inequalities were particularly pronounced in China and India, although high-income countries, including England and the US, also saw considerable local gaps in performance.

76) Answer – A) Olga Tokarczuk

Explanation: Olga Tokarczuk is 56 years old. She is a bestselling author from Poland. The novel Flight talks about travels in the 21st century and human anatomy. The prize amount is 50,000 British Pounds. This award is given to the best work of translated fiction from all over the world. The prize money is equally divided between the writer and the translator. Flights was translated by Jennifer Croft. It was published by Fitzcarraldo Editions.

77) Answer – B) Imphal, Manipur

Explanation: The ordinance for this proposal in on the lines of the bill introduced in Lok Sabha in August 2017. The proposed institute will focus on various areas likesports science, sports technology, high performance training. Manipur government has already granted land for the institute.Rs. 100 crore has been allocated for the institute .

78. Answer – D)Tapan Ray Explanation: These appointments have been done on recommendations for the Banks Board Bureau (BBB). Tapan Ray has served as Secretaryin the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

79) Answer – A) Mark Rutte

Explanation: It is a joint collaboration of India's 'Startup India' and Netherlands 'Get In the Ring' platforms and INDUS forum an online matchmaking platform of Indian and Dutch businesses. For monitoring and combating air pollution the Dutch firms would sale equipment such as sensors and data and solutions . The main focus is minimizing air pollution in Delhi as per the 'INDUS impact' project which aims to stop hazardous burning of paddy which cause air pollution.

80) Answer – A) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Explanation: It is a centralized cloud environment that would work with simple operations and would provide flexible and quick responses to requirements to future technological enhancements. The Data centre and cloud services are being offered by National Informatics Centre (NIC). This would provide on-demand access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT )Infrastructure . Platform to deliver ICT system and Data services across different platforms.

81) Answer – A)Sonipat, Haryana

Explanation: The facilities that were inaugurated at NIFTEM are as follows: 1.Pilot Plant for Ready-to-Eat and Traditional Food 2.Pilot Plant for Milk and Dairy Product 3.Pilot Plant for Fruits and Vegetable processing 4.Pilot Plant for Meat and Poultry Processing 5.NIFTEM Centre for Food Research and Analysis

82) Answer – D) Jharkhand

Explanation: This project is a 74: 26 Joint Venture between Government of Jharkhand and Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (PVUN). PVUN is a subsidiary company of NTPC making a total capacity expansion of 4,000MW. PVUNL will implement the project in two phases: • 2,400 MW (3x800MW) in Phase-I • 1,600 MW (2x800 MW) in Phase-II (will be developed later) This project will offer 85 % of the power to Jharkhand. Under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) scheme, this project will offer 24x7 power availability to the houses.

83) Answer – D) Columbia

Explanation: The formalization will take place in Brussels and that Columbia will be a global partner of NATO. Columbia is the onlycountry of Latin America to be a part of NATO. Apart from Columbia Afghanistan, Pakistan, South Korea, New Zealand, Iraq, Mongolia

and Japan are in the same ranks. Columbia also announced to be a partner of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

84) Answer – A) 8.55

Explanation: It has provided 8.5% in 2016-17, 8.8% in 2015-16 and 8.75% in 2013-14 & 2014-15. This is the lowest rate since 2012-13. This move will be applied to all the 120 offices of EPFO and to all the 5 crore subscribers. It was 8.50 in 2012-13 thus it is a 5 year low from that period. The Labour Ministry has forwarded the recommendations to the Finance Ministry for their approval.

85. Answer – B) N.K. Singh

Explanation: The commission was led by Chairman N.K. Singh. Kerala is the 10th largest state that contributes to 4.2% of GDP of the nation. It has the highest per capita income. The state has a booming service sector. Emigration and Immigration remittances is huge in Kerala. In terms of development indicators like per capita income, poverty ratio, health and education Kerala has better points than national average.

86) Answer – C) Japan

Explanation: Japan won over Thailand by a score of 3-0. This was the second time Japan won the Uber cup after 1981. Japan's Akane Yamaguchi (world no 2) defeated Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon (world no 4) by 21-15 and 21-19. Doubles pair Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirata won with 21-18, 21-12.

87) Answer – C) Alan Bean

Explanation: He was the former test pilot of US Navy. He was sent as an astronaut in 193 mission and flew to space twice and was the fourth person to walk on the Moon on Nov 19 1969. He was in the Apollo 12 mission with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Charles 'Pete' Conrad.

88) Answer – D) Jakhauli, Haryana.

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the Digital Art Gallery of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) at the toll plaza in Jakhauli village in Haryana.

89) Answer – A) Sudha Balakrishnan

Explanation: Sudha Balakrishnan was the vice-president of National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL). She is a chartered accountant. She will be the 12th executive director of the RBI. Her appointment will be for a period of 3 years initially. This can be extended, subject to an annual review.

90) Answer – A) USD 21.7 Million Explanation: The agreement was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Joint Secretary (FB and ADB), Department of Economic

Affairs, Ministry of Finance on behalf of Indian Government and Mr. Hisham Abdo, Acting Country Director, World Bank (India) on behalf of the World Bank. The Implementing Entity Agreement was signed by the Secretary, Finance (Budget) on behalf of Rajasthan Government, and the Acting Country Director (India) on behalf of the World Bank. Project size: is nearly USD 31 million. Out of this USD 21.7 million will be funded by the World Bank. Rest of the amount will be funded-out of the State Budget.

91) Answer – A) Aditya Puri

Explanation: Aditya Puri has featured in the top 30 global CEOs list by Barron's for the fourth consecutive year. He is the only Indian to feature in the list. Other names that have appeared in the list are: • Jeff Bezos of Amazon • Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway • Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase • Larry Page of Alphabet • Reed Hastings of Netflix • Satya Nadella of Microsoft • Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook

92. Answer – C) Jasmine

Explanation: On May 30, 2018, after 4 years of bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the state of Andhra Pradesh gets its own symbol. This was announced by the Principle Secretary of Environment Forests G. Anantha Ramu. Neem and Black Buck have been declared as the state tree and the state animal respectively. Rose-ringed Parakeet will be the State Bird. Jasmine will be the state flower.

93. Answer – B) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: The project will expand irrigation networks and system efficiency. The total cost of the project is \$535.1 million and \$160.71 million will be given by the government. The estimated time of completion of the project is September 2025. In the first stage, the Kundalia irrigation project will develop 125000 hectare of new, efficient, Climate resilient irrigation networks.

94. Answer – B) Kendrick Lamar

Explanation: The Pulitzer Prize is awarded for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States. Kendrick Lamar is the first non-classical or jazz musician to win the Pulitzer Prize. Music was included in the awards 75 years ago. Kendrick Lamar is 30 years old. DAMN was released in April 2017. He has received 11 Grammy Awards.

95. Answer – B) Chhattisgarh

Explanation: After living in the dark for 13 years, the electricity facility has reached Jagargunda village in Chhattisgarh. The Jagargunda village where electricity facility has been restored falls under the naxal-affected district of Dantewada. The village has a total

population of approximately 898 people and there are about 199 houses in the village.

96. Answer – C) Rajasthan

Explanation: This new technique has resolved the difficulties involved in freezing of semen and inability to transit the complex reproductive tract of the ruminant mammals. The technique involves passing a rigid fibre-optic laparoscope into the abdomen through a small incision. The reproductive tract is located through camera and the frozen semen is deposited into the uterus. Scientists at CSWRI have claimed that new technique would help achieve up to 60% survival in the birth of lambs and would enable to inseminate as many as 40 females from a single ejaculate.

97. Answer – B) Harris Corporation

Explanation: The contract is for 15 years. It was signed at the sixth edition of the US-India aviation summit that started on 10th May 2018 in Mumbai. The implementation of FTI network will offer improved air traffic safety, airspace capacity and environment friendly flight levels. Under this, all telecommunication links and each network equipment in the AAI airports will be monitored centrally 24/7 for immediate response to fix any outages. According to the deal, Harris Corporation will be the prime contractor and systems integrator for the programme. The programme will be executed in two years.

98. Answer – C) Murali Manohar Joshi

Explanation: The Estimates Committee consists of 30 members. It has planned to study various subjects related to several ministries in 2018-19. As per the memorandum of the committee, the panel will overview the import of uranium for nuclear plants, mining activities and environment, upgrading of India Post offices and the drought situation in India etc. The panel on estimates is also called the continuous economy committee. It recommends changes in policy or administrative framework to achieve efficiency in expenditure. It has planned to overview the functioning of Enforcement Directorate and recovery of black money, performance of public sector banks, debt recovery tribunals, rural housing fund and review the imports, exports and balance of payments.

99. Answer – B) Bihar

Explanation: Frozen semen station in Maranga, Purnea is being set up at a cost of Rs 64 crore (100% contribution from the Central Government) under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission. Launched in 2014, Rashtriya Gokul Mission is geared towards conserving and developing indigenous breeds to increase milk productivity. Frozen semen station in Purnea will be the first state-of-the-art semen production centre in India. The station will have a highly modern bull shade,

semen processing lab, feed and godown, agricultural equipment, and other facilities.

100. Answer – A) Journalist and novelist

Explanation: Tom Wolfe was 88 years old. He joined The New York Herald Tribune as a reporter in 1962. He published his important novel "The Right Stuff," in 1979. It spoke about the first American astronauts and the Mercury space program.

